IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS GALVESTON DIVISION

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 3:20-cv-00297
)	
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF)	
COMMERCE, et al.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	
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STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL

Please take notice that, because the Petitioner, the State of Texas, and the Respondents, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), the National Marine Fisheries Service ("NMFS"), Gina Raimondo, in her official capacity as the Secretary of Commerce, Stephen Volz, Ph.D., in his official capacity as the Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, Janet Coit, in her official capacity as the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of NMFS, Samuel D. Rauch, III, in his official capacity Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, and Andrew Strelcheck, in his official capacity as Regional Administrator, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, have settled the claims that Petitioner raised in its Complaint (Dkt. 1), the Petitioner and Respondents stipulate to the dismissal of the instant action, with prejudice, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A), this notice serves to dismiss this action without a court order.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of December, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 22, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served to all counsel of record via the Court's CM/ECF system.

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